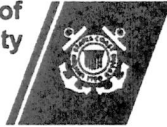


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FOR MEMBERSHIP

Ladies/Gentlemen:

The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking members to serve on the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC). We would like to request your assistance in disseminating our solicitation for applications to as wide an audience as possible. Please distribute the following information to your members and any others who may have an interest. If your organization circulates a newsletter or if your journal has an announcement section, please print the enclosed solicitation, "Coast Guard Seeks New Members for GLPAC" in your publication.

GLPAC is a deliberative body that advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, via the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, on a wide range of issues related to pilotage on the Great Lakes, including the rules and regulations that govern the registration, operating requirements, and training policies for all U.S. registered pilots. The Committee also provides expertise on the policies and regulations that establish rates, charges, and conditions for pilotage services on the Great Lakes.

Applications are being considered for one position that became vacant in December 2007. Each member serves for a term of three years and may be re-appointed. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses.

Applicants should have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the regulations and policies on the pilotage of vessels on the Great Lakes, and at least 5 years practical experience in maritime operations. Applications will be considered from persons representing the interests of Great Lakes vessel operators that contract for Great lakes pilotage services. All individuals meeting this requirement are invited to apply including women and ethnic minorities.

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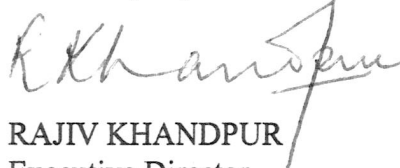
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Or by calling John Bobb at (202) 372-1532, faxing him at (202)-372-1929 or e-mailing him at john.k.bobb@uscg.mil.

Completed applications and résumés should be submitted to the Coast Guard at the address above.

For further information, please contact John Bobb at (202) 372-1532.



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- Encl: (1) GLPAC fact sheet
(2) "Coast Guard Seeks New Members for GLPAC" article

GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE. The purpose of the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC), as stated in its Charter, is to provide advice and consultation to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security via the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on matters relating to pilotage on the Great Lakes, including the rules and regulations that govern the registration, operating requirements, and training policies for all U.S. registered pilots. The Committee also advises on matters related to ratemaking to determine the appropriate charge for pilot services on the Great Lakes.

The GLPAC has traditionally provided technical advice and expertise not otherwise available from other sources. GLPAC has not only been a very valuable source of expert advice, it has been a hands-on, productive group, directly assisting the Coast Guard in its efforts to ensure the highest quality pilotage service on the Great Lakes.

MEMBERSHIP. GLPAC's charter states the Committee should consist of seven members, three of which represent the interests of vessel operators, Great Lakes ports, and Great Lakes shippers, respectively. These members may serve terms for up to three years. The other three members consist of the presidents of Great Lakes Pilotage Associations and serve on the committee as long as they are president of their respective associations. All but one applicant for committee membership must have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the regulations and policies of the pilotage of vessels on the Great Lakes, and have at least 5 years practical experience in maritime operations. The final member of the committee must have a background in finance or accounting and is recommended for appointment by a unanimous vote of the other members of the Committee.

MEETINGS. GLPAC meets annually to receive updates on pilotage activities, to assign new tasks, and to form subcommittees as necessary to carry out these tasks.

SUBCOMMITTEES. The Chairperson of GLPAC is authorized to establish temporary subcommittees to perform specific assignments with the approval of the Executive Director. The Chairperson may designate members from the Committee or the public to serve on subcommittees. Each subcommittee Chairperson shall be a committee member.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND UNDERTAKINGS. GLPAC and its subcommittees have met numerous times to provide valuable advice to the Coast Guard. Their reviews and comments have assisted the Coast Guard in identifying emerging technologies that will ensure continued high quality pilotage service for the Great Lakes marine transportation industry. A partial list of subjects being considered by GLPAC is:

- The use of portable integrated electronic positioning and charting systems for reliable real time navigational situational awareness;
- Training opportunities available and appropriate for Great Lakes Pilots;
- Appropriate number of pilots for each district; and,
- The relationship between work hours, rest, travel time and pilotage performance.

NEWS RELEASE

COAST GUARD SEEKS NEW MEMBERS FOR GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC). GLPAC is a Coast Guard sponsored industry advisory committee that provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary on a wide range of issues related to pilotage on the Great Lakes, including the rules and regulations that govern the registration, operating requirements, and training policies for all U.S. registered pilots. The Committee also advises on matters related to ratemaking to determine the appropriate charge for pilot services on the Great Lakes.

The Committee usually meets at least once a year at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. Special meetings may also be called. Subcommittee meetings are held to consider specific problems as required.

Applications are currently being sought from individuals who represent Great Lakes vessel operators that contract for Great lakes pilotage services. Committee members serve for a term of three years and may be re-appointed for one additional term. All members serve without compensation but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses from the Federal Government.

Applicants should have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the regulations and policies on the pilotage of vessels on the Great Lakes, and at least 5 years practical experience in maritime operations. To achieve gender and ethnic diversity among the committee membership, the Coast Guard is especially interested in receiving applications from qualified women and members of minorities.

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